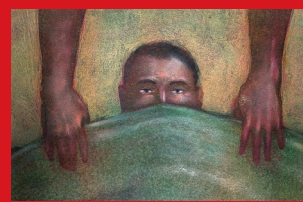




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Witnesses for Christ

I extend a heartfelt congratulations to this new group of officers who are heading out into the world for Jesus (Answering the Call, August). At the same time, I have to ask: How will The Salvation Army keep up in this current age as cultural and ethnic divides make it harder to proclaim the gospel? As the general public increasingly views the Army as a charitable organization and not a church, how will we continue the spiritual work started by the Founder?

I know that God has blessed this session as he has blessed all the others before it—men and women who have given their lives to this calling and been an inspiration to not only me but many young people. I just hope that as the Canadian landscape changes, the Army will still be winning souls for Jesus.

Devon Craig

The Witnesses for Christ rock! They will be a major asset to the salvation war. I can't wait to hear the stories from their various appointments.

Lieutenant Peter Lublink

High Point Community Church, Victoria

Back to School

Thank you for another excellent discussion (Faith in the Classroom, August) between Dr. James Read and Captain Amy Reardon in the always provocative and stimulating Talking It Over series. I would like to add one point to the discussion. As participants in important public institutions, such as the public school system, Christians have a right and an obligation to speak to issues related to these institutions. If we withdraw from full participation (by placing our children in private, Christian schools, for example), we lose this voice. We don't have to be "of" the world, but we do need to be "in" it.

Gary Robson

Heritage Park Temple, Winnipeg



My children currently attend Christian schools, but I don't think they lead sheltered lives. Outside of school, my children are exposed to many of the views that permeate our society. They ask questions and we try, as parents, to answer them honestly and to the point. It helps them to see all angles of our world and gives them a Christian perspective on how to address the issues.

Shawn Washington-Purser

Hearing God's Voice

Many today claim that the gift of prophecy is active and that they hear God speak to the Church. There has been much written about New Testament prophecy and its purpose. However, there are many who take this to an extreme and distort God's message to the Church. How sad that is.

Thanks to Major Bruce Power for reminding us of the everyday, ordinary way that God speaks to us (Voices From God, July). When we are still, we hear his voice within us and it brings comfort, wisdom and guidance—a reassurance of his presence with us during difficult times.

Major Kathie Chiu

The Caring Place, Maple Ridge, B.C.

Speak of the Devil

We were disappointed with the article by Major Geoff Ryan (The Devil Made Me Do It, July) because it lacks a true perspective of Satan's influence in a person's life and in the world system. If Christians are going to make a difference in the world today, they are going to have to meet the demonic realm head on. Winning souls to Christ is a spiritual battle, not simply a matter of intellectually convincing them about the merits of becoming a Christian.

In the article, Major Ryan makes it clear he does not want to pick a battle with "a wayward angel." This is a serious paradox since we are an Army of God fighting for the souls of people who are prisoners of Satan. If we as an Army don't engage the enemy, then we are nothing more than a social organization and we should take the word "salvation" out of our name.

Kenneth and Joshua Champ

London, Ont.



The main purpose of Major Ryan's article was to make us stop and think. By questioning, we often come to a better understanding of who we are and what we believe. We need to keep our minds open and be willing to listen to what others have to say. If Salvationists never take the time to examine other possibilities, there will never be any growth in the Church.

Jonathan Pippy

A thought-provoking article on the devil. I still say: "Storm the forts of darkness, bring them down!" Jesus sent his disciples out to preach, heal and cast out demons, one of whom is Satan.

Peter Haslett

I am distraught about this article. I am mostly dismayed because many people are going to read this and take it as truth. People need to know that we are at war with Satan. He is the father of lies and deception. The greatest lie he ever got people to believe is that he doesn't exist.

Nettie Deacon

A Place of Hope

Haven of Hope (Heartbeat of a Church, July) is a church that lives up to its name. I have dropped in on a couple of Friday evenings when I have been in Regina and it is a great place to be. Wonderful to see the hall full late on a Friday night! May you continue to be a place where people find hope.

Major Karen Hoeft

Winnipeg Booth Centre

Camps are Thriving

Good article on the importance of camping ministry (God's Great Outdoors, August). You mentioned camps in Ontario and in the West, but let me remind you and your readers of the great camps out East.

For nearly 60 years, Scotian Glen Camp has served The Salvation Army and the communities of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, introducing thousands of children over the decades to the gospel. Let's help all of our territory's camping ministries to thrive!



Lieutenant Rob Jeffery

Spryfield Community Church, Halifax



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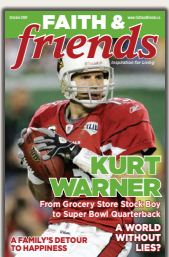
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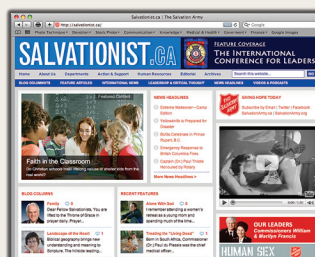
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Thanksgiving or Thanksgetting?

Every day should be a day for giving thanks, but it seems appropriate that a specific time is set aside each year to express gratitude to God for his goodness to us. For many of us the cup isn't just half full; rather, in the words of the Psalmist, it runneth over. Family, shelter, clean water and work are but a few of the things for which I'm grateful, not to mention Thanksgiving turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

I have a growing conviction, however, that gratitude, from a biblical perspective, is not simply itemizing all our benefits and saying "thank you" to God. This approach implies that the person with the greatest abundance should be the most thankful. What, then, should be the reason for thanksgiving?

One of the books on my summer reading list was *The Ego Boom* by Steve Maich and Lianne George. The authors observe that North American culture is fixated on the significance of the individual and the pursuit of self-fulfilment and self-actualization. Much of today's advertising, they maintain, plays on this theme. Maich and George describe it as the *You Sell. You* need this to be a better person. *You* deserve this. *You* are special. This is made for *you*. Every day on my way home from work I pass a billboard ad for an insurance company that declares: It's all about *YOU!*

It's interesting how suddenly the whole world is so interested in my personal well-being. The irony in all this, of course, is that

the more people buy into the advertising—going to great lengths to customize their clothing, coffee, homes and cars—the less unique they become. They become more like the herd, following the latest trend.

This focus on *you* is not restricted to advertisers trying to hawk their products. Religion has also joined the bandwagon. In our desire to attract people to the faith, we often emphasize God's ability to meet people's individual needs. Luis Lugo, director of the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life in Washington, D.C., suggests that the decline in church membership in North America is the result of a consumer mentality. Attendance and participation in church life depends on how effective the church is in meeting people's needs and those of their families.

The danger of this overemphasis on the individual is to leave the false impression that the world revolves around us. Are my needs paramount in the overall scheme of things? If so, then the most important goal for my life must be personal fulfilment, regardless of how it's achieved.

What does all this have to do with giving thanks? I have come to realize that thankfulness has less to do with how much or little I have and everything to do with the one to whom I am grateful. To be truly thankful to God moves me from centre stage and acknowledges my dependence on him. The season reminds me that not only is God the Lord of the harvest but also Lord of life ... my life.

Happy Thanksgiving.

MAJOR JIM CHAMP
Editor-in-Chief

Magazine Makeover

As autumn hits and the leaves change colour, we've also brightened up *Salvationist* with a bold redesign. It's the latest in a series of improvements to a magazine that aims to be the "voice of the Army" for the Canada and Bermuda Territory. We've introduced eye-catching headlines, reader-friendly text, engaging columnists, more Army news, *Salvationist.ca* website tie-ins, a Q&A with the territorial commander and a Letters department that lets you get in on the conversation. Other ideas? Drop us a line at Salvationist@can.salvationarmy.org.



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Scarborough Citadel's Community Outreach

ON TUESDAY NIGHTS, Scarborough Citadel is a busy place. With three youth bands, three children's singing groups and a praise and worship team rehearsing, as well as English language conversation classes taking place, the church becomes a centre for its members and the outside community to mingle with each other.

"Scarborough Citadel began the Tuesday night programs several years ago in order to reach out to the neighbourhood and provide, along with music and language classes, a connection to Christ," explains Captain Rob Kerr, corps officer. This past year, approximately 50 families with 75 children participated in the youth initiatives, says Kerry Brown, songster leader.

Vocal groups span every

age, including moms with babies, a young children's choir and an older children's singing company. The three bands offer beginner, intermediate and junior levels. Throughout the year, the musicians showcase their talents at different concerts, such as a Christmas carol sing and an end-of-year fundraiser, which took place this year on May 31. Parents helped out at the bake sale and the fundraising lunch, and proceeds contributed to funding children's trips to summer camp.

While their children are practising, parents enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at the church café, and starting this year the praise and worship team will be leading a half-hour praise session every Tuesday night, open to everyone. Brown hopes to launch



Children in Scarborough Citadel's singing company perform at a concert

new teen drama and dance teams this fall, as well as cultural music lessons, such as African drumming.

A Christian focus underlies all of these outreach efforts, and the bands and choirs perform traditional Christian

songs and include times for prayer and devotions. The goal of this ministry, as Brown says, is that "as the groups experience the joy of making music together, they also learn more about Christ."

Learning in Lethbridge

MEMBERS OF LETHBRIDGE Community Church, Alta., held a restful and spiritually refreshing retreat in the beautiful foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Majors Doug and Brenda Smith, area commander

for Ontario East and executive director at Ottawa's Bethany Hope Centre, challenged participants to learn the language of the Spirit as they met over the Pentecost weekend.



Retreat participants with Mjrs Brian and Edith Beveridge, COs, and Mjrs Doug and Brenda Smith

Corner Brook Citadel Celebrates 85 Years of Ministry

COLONELS DON AND ANN COPPLE, chief secretary and territorial secretary for women's ministries, were present at Corner Brook Citadel's 85th anniversary celebrations. They are pictured with June and Carl Vincent, Majors Cassie and Robert Kean, corps officers, and Emily Porter, who cut the youth anniversary cake.



Booth Industries Places Second in Dragon Boat Race



Booth Industries clients compete in the Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival

DURING THE SUMMER OF 2008, after an exciting presentation on sports and the Special Olympics, clients of Toronto Booth Industries—a vocational rehabilitation program for adults and youth with psychiatric illnesses—eagerly signed up to receive more information on a variety of activities.

Danny Moniz, a participant at Booth Industries, introduced the group to dragon boating. Enthusiasm for the sport grew as he spoke about his participation each year in the Spirit Challenge race through Christian Horizons, an evangelical ministry reaching out to people with disabilities.

Prior to race day, the

co-ordinator of the Spirit Challenge committee contacted Booth Industries to ask if some of the clients would be interested in competing in the race. On June 22, 2008, a boat with Booth participants took second place.

In 2009, Karen Church, program manager at Booth Industries, joined the Spirit Challenge committee and arranged for Booth Industries to share a boat with Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation. The combined team was called the Toronto Dragons. They participated in the Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival on Centre Island, Toronto, where they finished in second place.

Creating HOPE in Elliot Lake

MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, The Salvation Army purchased a building in downtown Elliot Lake, Ont., with the intention of bringing all of its ministries, then housed in different facilities, under one roof. The goal of the move was to provide a more holistic approach to ministry. The building has space for worship (which will also be developed into a daily drop-in centre), a thrift store, offices and a community and family services ministry.

The new location, known simply as HOPE, opened in May. It brings together the fragmented Salvation Army services into one home, offering hope to the community at a time when people seem to be finding life hopeless. The official ribbon-cutting ceremony was conducted by Captain William Stanger, corps officer, Elliot Lake Mayor Rick Hamilton and Major John Norton, then divisional secretary for program in the former Ontario North Division. Major Norton shared a few words and a prayer of dedication and declared the building open for community use.

"It is good to see people willing to take part in the revitalizing of the downtown area. I look forward to seeing how things develop over time in this location," commended the mayor.

On Saturday evening, participants enjoyed a café-style time of worship and celebration, led by Kim Garreffa, contemporary music consultant, THQ corps ministries, along with her husband, Rocco, and the Elliot Lake worship team.

On Sunday, the community was invited to gather for lunch, which was followed by a time of celebration and worship. Those assembled gave thanks for the completion of the year-long project.



Mayor Rick Hamilton brings greetings from City Hall

Did You Know ...

... a group of volunteers in Barrie, Ont., led by a 30-year-old organic farmer, meet weekly to tend a plot of land, growing organic vegetables in support of local food banks? The Salvation Army, one of the recipients of the produce, estimates that food bank use has increased 17 percent in Ontario over the past year ... the federal government's Program of Status of Women Canada has provided more than

\$235,000 to the Army's Vancouver Community and Family Services? The money will support its work teaching parenting skills, providing support to single mothers and their children and delivering basic necessities such as food and clothing ... after their official retirement, many Salvation Army officers volunteer their time as chaplains at correctional and health care facilities? These include Mjr Faye Skipper, who has spent the last

four years at Kitchener's mental health court. "I was so glad to have someone here, or I would have gone to pieces," one client says of her ... Grade 6 students from Blacks Harbour Elementary School, N.B., supported the Army's Booth Residential Services in Saint John, N.B.? They purchased nearly \$2,500 worth of shirts, pants, T-shirts and toiletries with money they had raised doing a variety of projects in their community

New Programs, Old Values at Glenmore Temple

EVANGELISM, DISCIPLESHIP, service and community: these core values of Calgary's Glenmore Temple are what Major Genevera Vincent, corps officer, calls its "tagline." "But what good," she asks, "is a tagline with nothing to back it up?" With this question in mind, Glenmore has increased its community outreach to include three new programs: Emergency Disaster Services (EDS), a vibrant Spanish ministry and a youth internship project.

Glenmore's new team of 25 EDS volunteers from the church and the surrounding neighbourhood is officially on call for Calgary-area emergencies, with their canteen van equipped to serve disaster victims. The EDS team recently took part in a mock disaster training, which included courses to cover different aspects of emergency response, such as food handling and emotional and spiritual care. As well, the canteen provides meals every Thursday night to the downtown homeless and working poor, an effort that will include Saturday breakfasts beginning this fall.

Edgardo Lacera, a former pastor from Colombia who had just immigrated to Calgary, found that a group of Spanish-



The Spanish-speaking congregation at Glenmore Temple joins with the Army services once a month

speaking Christians was forming around him. Soon, he was leading an entire church—but they had nowhere to worship. Lacera approached Major Eddie Vincent, corps officer, and asked to hold services in Glenmore Temple. Now, the Spanish church has afternoon services three Sundays a month, joining with the Army congregation for the other. "The Spanish-speaking Christians don't want to be segregated from other believers into a separate church," says Major Vincent. "They can sense

the support of being part of a larger congregation." As for the congregation of Glenmore, this influx of eager participants has infused them with new life.

PAIS, a Greek word meaning servant of the king, is an international program which sends college-age interns to partner with churches around the world. During the year-long program, interns connect with high schools of the area, serving in whatever capacity the school requires—tutoring, leading extracurricular activities or aiding teachers in the

classroom—with the goal of bridging the gap between the church environment and youth from a non-Christian background. Two interns joined Glenmore this August. "It's about connecting our church to the community," Major Genevera Vincent affirms.

With these initiatives, the corps feels that God has led them in the best direction to act on their values. "The Lord opened doors for us and told us to walk through them," says Major Eddie Vincent, "so that's what we're doing."

Grand Falls Youth Are 4 Real

AT GRAND FALLS CITADEL, N.L., worship is a multi-generational experience. Its young people share in the responsibility of providing leadership. With the help of Janet Loveless on the piano and under the direction of Jamie Anstey, a dedicated group has formed. Calling themselves 4REAL, the youth make a tremendous effort to lead worship in a meaningful way and participate in all areas of ministry.

"Grand Falls Citadel is very proud of its young people," says Major Morris Vincent, then corps officer. "They are a key component to keeping it vibrant and exciting."

Grand Falls youth and their leaders: Alison Wiseman, Janet Loveless, Rebekah Wiseman, David Skeard, Jordan Wight, Josh Kelly, Daniel Kelly, Adam Loveless and Jamie Anstey





A Season of Healing

When illness and grief struck Richmond Hill Community Church, people prayed for a miracle

BY KEN RAMSTEAD, *EDITOR FAITH & FRIENDS AND FOI & VIE*

Major Dave Pearo was at a loss for words that first Sunday after Advent in 2008. There was a darkness over the congregation. Illnesses had affected four families in the close-knit fellowship of The Salvation Army's Richmond Hill Community Church, just north of Toronto. Four church members were in different area hospitals and despite all the prayer and support, the outlook for all four was dim. The church service had just commenced and the worship team was singing. Major Pearo had faithfully prepared his sermon but sensed that something needed to be said—and what he had prepared wasn't it.

Young and Thriving

Barely six years old, Richmond Hill was a thriving young congregation. "My wife,

Beth, and I are in our late 40s, and we're probably the grandparents of the congregation," chuckles Major Pearo.

Richmond Hill was everything a church should be. There was a vibrant and growing youth ministry as well as a sports program. The corps was involved in seven schools in the area through lunchtime and after-school programs, and they participated in a restorative justice program with a local high school.

"We want to be a community church, not a commuter one," states Major Pearo.

Why, God?

But over a period of months, a series of unexpected and unexplained maladies struck the corps. First, the church secretary, Silvana Curtis, was diagnosed with a benign brain tumour. Surgery was prescribed.

"We have a great prayer ministry here at the church," states Major Pearo. Silvana was immediately placed on the corps prayer list and the Pearos conducted evening prayer services for her right up to the eve of the operation.

The surgery, though, did not go as planned. The tumour was removed, but unexpected bleeding in the brain resulted in a stroke. The church hoped for the best when she was released to a rehabilitation unit, but an infection sent her right back to the hospital.

As the summer turned to autumn and the corps watched Silvana's ordeal unfold, doubts crept in. "We believe God will answer prayer," explains Major Pearo, "but as pastors, both my wife and I had run out of answers. We just didn't know what to say to the congregation when they

asked us, *Why isn't she getting better? This isn't supposed to be happening.*"

Child Calamities

Worse was to come. Steve and Valerie Pavey's young daughter, Kayla, was diagnosed with lymphoma, a severe form of cancer. Doctors held out little hope.

Following hard on the heels of that distressing report came the news that two newborn members of the congregation were severely ill.

Cameron and Nicola Fraser's baby girl, Holly, was born six weeks premature and there were concerns about her lung development. Then, Greg and Heather Beros' newborn son, Jesse, was diagnosed with a heart defect just as the proud parents prepared to leave the hospital. Open-heart surgery was needed.

Looking for Hope

The congregation reacted to these concerns with a renewed dedication to prayer. The newborns, Kayla and Silvana were spread between Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, North York General Hospital and St. Michael's Hospital, so prayer meetings were arranged, meals delivered and pastoral care was put in place. But despite the best efforts of the corps, all they had to cling to was hope.

"How do you lead a church when you tell them that God is in control, God is sovereign and God answers prayer, yet things go from bad to worse?" asks Major Pearo. He and his wife were at a loss as to how to pastor their flock.

It was also affecting their own faith. "I've always struggled with a sense of what we should pray for," he states. "We're to pray for the will of God. But what if the will of God is something other than what we're praying for?" Emotionally and spiritually, the congregation hoped that things were going to get better, yet it seemed that they were getting worse.

Lifted Spirits

So events stood that Sunday after Advent.

"At that moment," Major Pearo relates, "I felt God saying, 'Let the congregation speak. They need their say.' And that is what he did.

"I don't know where this is going to go," he said as he stood up and addressed the church. "I have no idea what God has in store for us here this morning. All I know is, you need to speak. God wants you to speak. You're going to preach the sermon this morning, whatever form it



might take. It might be a prayer, it might be words of concern or just a Scripture verse. I don't know. But I'm opening this up to you."

And people began to get up from their seats and speak. There were prayers and words of affirmation. The families of those hospitalized started to thank the congregation for their support.

As Major Pearo listened, he felt his spirit lift. He sensed God saying to him, "You're now in a time of healing, a season of healing."

Words of Faith

Even as he sensed God say that, he had his doubts. "How could I say that to a congregation that had gone through so much?"

But one by one, events started to unfold for the better.

The doctors finally released baby Holly from the incubator as she was able to breathe on her own.

Jessie's open-heart surgery was successful.

Kayla had to undergo surgery to remove her lymph nodes but a follow-up examination pronounced her cancer-free.

Last but not least, the congregation saw Silvana walk into the church with her husband and extended family at the Christmas Eve service. Her recovery had finally begun, too.


Journeying Together

As Major Pearo reflects back on the last year, he thinks of the ways the will of God unfolds. "We want him to perform miracles," he says. "We want to see him step

in and transform our circumstances from bad to good immediately. But God doesn't always work that way."

There are times when God works in partnership with our medical system. God has given us the capacity to develop medical techniques to bring healing and restoration. "Was Jessie's open-heart surgery and Kayla's cancer surgery God's sovereignty at work within their lives? I choose to believe it was," he says. "And I've come to realize that this is just as miraculous as God stepping in and snapping his fingers, so to speak."

What about Major Pearo's faith? "Through all this, I've learned to be a little less fearful and a little bit more trusting."

And how did all this affect the congregation? "A community of faith stepped forward to be pastoral-care givers," he says. "They set aside their time and energy for the sake of others. They gathered in prayer, realizing that this was beyond just one person, but that as a community they could rely on the Lord. And that's one of the beautiful aspects of the church, the wonderful expression of faith within a community when they come alongside each other and walk that journey, not as individuals, but together." 

1 Heather and Greg Beros with daughter, Hannah, and baby Jesse

2 Cameron and Nicola Fraser with daughter, Hannah, and baby Holly

3 Tony and Silvana Curtis

4 Mjrs Beth and Dave Pearo

5 Valerie and Steve Pavey with Misha, Kayla and Luke



More Than Gold

Salvation Army joins Christian network involved in Olympic outreach



Sharon Tidd is the Vancouver/Whistler 2010 Olympic outreach co-ordinator for The Salvation Army British Columbia Division. In this role, she serves as the Army's liaison with the More Than Gold network. She speaks with Melissa Walter, editorial intern, about this Olympics outreach initiative.

What is More Than Gold?

More Than Gold is a network of Christian denominations and agencies involved in Olympics outreach. With each set of Games, different churches and groups in the host country join together under the name of More Than Gold to share God's love with the world. The network for the Vancouver 2010 Olympics has 15 denominations involved, including The Salvation Army. More Than Gold's outreach falls under four major categories: creative and performing arts, hospitality services, social initiatives and sports-related events.

What will The Salvation Army be doing leading up to and during the Olympics?

The Salvation Army's overall goal is to use every opportunity we can find to reach out, to serve and to share the gospel. To do this, we will be involved in all of More Than Gold's types of outreach. Leading up to the Games, Salvation Army churches along the path of the Olympic torch route hope to mobilize their canteens to help with the torch relay celebrations, and to lend support with whatever their communities are planning—festivals, performing artists, sports camps. Aside from the torch relay, Salvationists can help prepare for the Games in other ways, such as making care kits for the homeless and knitting special scarves to be distributed during the Games.

During the Olympics, we're encouraging churches involved in the torch relay celebrations to continue the same kinds of outreach: canteen service, sports camps,

concerts and arts performances. That way, they'll have a follow-up connection with the people they connect with during the torch relay. In Vancouver, the Army will be deploying our canteens and offering refreshment services. We will also mobilize mission teams from Canada and the rest of the world. We expect 10-12 teams to come with The Salvation Army to the Games, and across the More Than Gold network we'll have about 3,000 workers.

Why is it important to work alongside the More Than Gold network?

We're trying to reach out to our neighbours and to the world. Matthew 8:28 says that we are to take the gospel to the nations, so if God is bringing the whole world here, we need to take advantage of that. When opportunities come to present the gospel, we'll make use of those, but sometimes we will simply serve a cup of cold water or hot coffee as an extension of God's love.


It's also a way to show our community that we care and want to support them. Many of these communities have been hit with economic issues, so they need a bit of hope.

If we really want the world to see the love of God, we have to work in unity. As people come to a warming station, they'll see a Salvation Army canteen, but as they talk to the workers, they'll discover that a Baptist, a Pentecostal and a Salvationist are all here working together. To see that we're breaking down those denominational barriers will be a powerful sign of God's love.

What can we do after the Games to continue the outreach?

Many of the visitors will be from around the globe, so it will be difficult. The mission teams will track the conversations and commitments that are made, and if a person who is curious about Christianity happens to be from abroad, we'll give them information on Alpha programs, and also a card to access online resources and contacts to other Christians in their country. Of course, if churches hold torch relay events, they can reach out to members of their own community and continue building on those relationships.

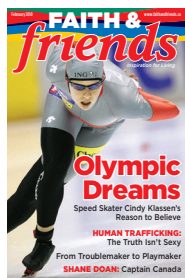
What would you say to Salvationists who want to get involved?

The first step is to go to your corps officer or divisional youth secretary and find out about any local plans. All it takes is one person to get passionate about it, and something can happen. To learn more, go to Salvationist.ca/action-support/more-than-gold. 

Faith & Friends Olympic Issue

A special Olympics issue of *Faith & Friends* has been prepared for outreach purposes. The magazine will be used at the official Games venues and in Canadian communities along the torch relay route. You can even use the special issue in your community for an Olympic-themed outreach event. The magazine includes a profile on speedskater Cindy Klassen, NHL star

Shane Doan and other Olympic athletes from around the world who have been touched by God. Contact your DHQ office or Pamela_Richardson@can.salvationarmy.org to receive copies.



General Clifton Meets United Nations' Secretary-General



General Shaw Clifton with Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

GENERAL SHAW CLIFTON attended the United Nations in New York, U.S.A., for a meeting with Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. The General was accompanied by Commissioner Helen Clifton, world president of women's ministries, Commissioner Christine MacMillan,

director, International Social Justice Commission, Lt-Colonel Geanette Seymour, deputy director, ISJC, and Major Richard Gaudion, private secretary to the General.

During a constructive and cordial meeting, the secretary-general expressed warm appreciation for the global work of The Salvation Army, articulating his belief that faith organizations have a key role to play in alleviating human suffering. He made specific reference to the UN's Millennium Development Goals and acknowledged The Salvation Army's part in working to achieve these around the world.

General Clifton spoke about the Army's work in 118 countries, emphasizing its ability to work with governments of all kinds. The General offered words of affirmation concerning the value of the United Nations organization and the office of the secretary-general in promoting peaceful relations between the nations.

Salvation Army in Pakistan Assists Displaced People

THE SALVATION ARMY in Pakistan is providing vital assistance to families forced from their homes by fighting. Many villages in Pakistan's western border areas have been hit by violence as separatists and pro-Taliban militants fight government forces. According to provincial government reports, hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced by the fighting and the latest reports say that more than 1.9 million people have been registered as "internally displaced persons" (IDPs). They are living in schools, camps and with families in host communities—wherever they can find shelter.

Because of The Salvation Army's good reputation and previous experience of responding in emergency circumstances, authorities in

Pakistan requested the movement's assistance with the huge problem of accommodation. There are several IDP camps and The Salvation Army is now working in one of these—Mazadoor Camp.

Salvation Army team members distribute bags of essential items



Our Unwavering Mission

Has the world outgrown its need for The Salvation Army?

BY MAJOR JULIE SLOUS

My husband and I had been anticipating this moment since the day our eldest daughter was born. If you are a parent, you know what I'm talking about; that jolting realization when you look at each other and say, "Our baby is all grown up!"

The college graduation gown and engagement ring say it all. Our daughter is no longer reliant on her parents. She has "come of age" and is ready to take on the world. It can be tough for us to redefine our relationship with an adult child. How will she need us in the days ahead? What will our future relationship look like?

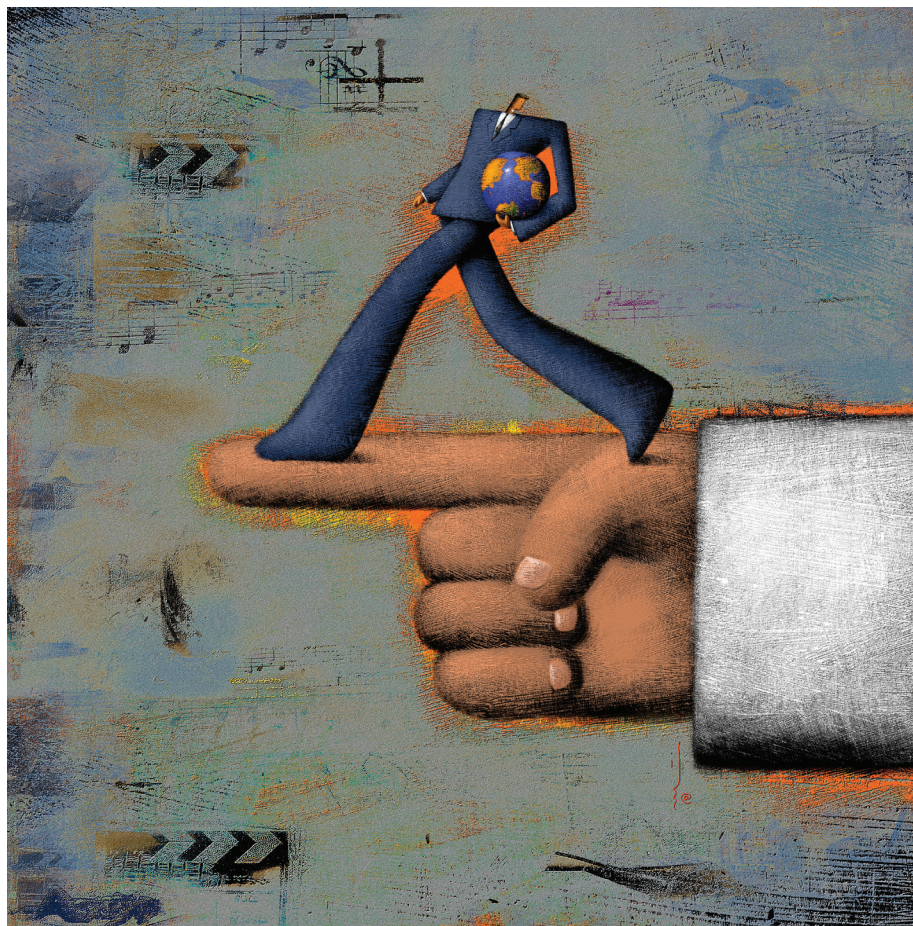
A World Come of Age?

In many respects, the same challenge faces us as Salvationists. As we wade through the murky waters of a postmodern world, we seek to redefine our relationship with society. We grapple with questions such as:

- In an age of political correctness, inclusivity and tolerance, does the world still respond to an aggressive approach of Salvationism?
- Does our military metaphor still make a meaningful connection in a world plagued with war and ethnic tensions?
- Do our theological convictions still apply or should we simply become like the church down the street?

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German pastor and theologian who joined the resistance against Adolf Hitler. He knew the harsh consequences of proclaiming his convictions in a world that perceived it had come of age—days before the Second World War ended, he was executed by the Nazis. Bonhoeffer saw his society embracing a false sense of maturity, pushing religion into the margins as secularism took centre stage. It was evident to him that people were learning how to "get along without God, arguing that religion was something of a childish or pre-scientific notion." Bonhoeffer wryly asked: Has the world outgrown its need for God?

As Christian values are increasingly swallowed up by secular opinions, we



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might well ask if we minister to a world that perceives itself to have come of age. Is it possible that the world can justifiably say it's all grown up? Does it need the Army's ministry? How will The Salvation Army define its relationship with the world in future days? Does God still have a mandate for us?

We Still Have a Sin Problem

I would argue that the world still needs The Salvation Army because sin still abounds. It doesn't matter how grown up our world may perceive itself to be,

sin is still the number one reason why trouble and turmoil make the headlines every day. Greed, bitterness, jealousy, lust, pride and selfishness How far we have moved from God's intended design for life! No question about it, sin still knows where we live.

Not much has changed in 144 years. Our Founder, William Booth, witnessed first-hand the depths of human depravity and despair on the streets of London's East End. He saw young children hanging on barroom doors; mothers force-feeding alcohol to their infants; children fash-

ioning toys out of street garbage; adults making their burial places in back alleys. To these societal challenges Booth called early Salvationists: "Arise, to drive back the hellish armies that perpetuate these daily horrors!"


The Language of Grace

The call of the Founder rings true today. Let's not be deceived by the world's coming-of-age perspective. Sinners still need salvation. Humankind has not outgrown its need for the ministry of The Salvation Army. Christ's Kingdom will only advance as we boldly draw attention to the problem of sin in our world. This is our unwavering mission.

It will not be a message people readily hear. Yet Christ's love compels us to proclaim the full gospel message. Theologian Barbara Brown Taylor puts it this way: "Abandoning talk about sin will not make it go away ... It also [weakens] the language of grace, since the full impact of forgiveness cannot be felt apart from the full impact of what has been forgiven." Light cannot be fully appreciated until we have grappled our way out of the darkness.

Moving Forward

How do we claim the world for Christ? While our mission is unwavering, let us continually assess our methods as we redefine our relationship to society. As we continue to be Christ's hands and feet to a troubled world, let us remember that sin is still the enemy. Only as we proclaim sin's hard consequences can we appreciate the depths from which we have been saved, and the grace that makes redemption possible. Bonhoeffer argued that two things remain: "First, the world come of age does not know where it should be, that is, in Christ. Secondly, this world, with whatever advantages it has derived from its increasing maturity, must nevertheless be claimed for Christ."

May the complexity of our times not confuse the clarity of our cause. God can still use The Salvation Army and the world still requires our influence and presence. Sin still lives in our neighbourhood. The Army's mission lives on through you and me. May God help us in every way to be faithful. 

Next Month: Our Unchanging Message

Major Julie Slous is corps officer at Heritage Park Temple in Winnipeg. She recently received a doctorate in ministry from Luther Seminary in Minneapolis, U.S.A.

October 1-3

Focus on Canada Ablaze

- 1 Pray that the launch of the Olympic torch relay in Victoria on October 30 will unite Canadians and be a peaceful celebration of Canada's cultural diversity
- 2 Pray for the leaders and residents of the Vancouver Island cities to be visited by the torch as it begins its journey
- 3 Pray that the Church's support of the torch relay celebrations across the nation will create new opportunities for engagement

October 4-10

Focus on Personnel on International Service

- 4 Lts Gerald and Blanca Dueck, corps officers, Meissen, Germany
- 5 Cpts Andrew and Darlene Morgan, assistant regional commander and assistant regional commander with responsibility for women's ministries, Budapest, Hungary
- 6 Cols Robert and Marguerite Ward, territorial commander and territorial president of women's ministries, Pakistan Territory
- 7 Cpt Heather (Richardson) Samuel, associate corps officer, Upper Norwood, London, England
- 8 Cpts Anthony and Yvonne LeDrew, corps officers, St. George's, Bermuda
- 9 Mjr Wayne Loveless, corps officer and executive director, Cedar Hill and Bermuda community services, and Mjr Cavell Loveless, corps officer, Cedar Hill, Bermuda
- 10 Cpts Tony and Patricia Kennedy, divisional commander and divisional director of women's ministries, Russia Division, Russia/CIS Command

October 11-17

Focus on Our Partners in Mission: Germany and Lithuania Territory

- 11 Pray for increased numbers of cadets and officers to carry on the Army's mission
- 12 Pray for increased contributions from the public and for generous giving by members
- 13 Pray for spiritual growth—a deepening understanding of and obedience to the Lord
- 14 Pray that youth will commit themselves to evangelism and service
- 15 Pray that more children and young people will attend activities planned for them and that they will meet Jesus

- 16 Pray that commitment to ministry and further development of a servant-leadership attitude will grow among Salvationists
- 17 Pray for a stronger sense of vision, with openness to hear the Lord's voice and obey his leading

October 18-24

Focus on Living the Vision: We Envision a Canadian Multicultural Salvation Army

- 18 Pray that officers and employees working with immigrants and refugees will provide wise counsel and practical assistance to those adjusting to life in Canada
- 19 Pray that corps will be worshipping communities where culturally diverse peoples are valued and appreciated
- 20 Pray that the Army in this territory will keep fostering opportunities for ministry among culturally different peoples
- 21 Pray that Salvationists will develop an appreciation for the varied expressions of Salvationism throughout the territory
- 22 Pray that the Lord will guide the development of ministry unit leadership teams that better reflect the communities they serve
- 23 Ask the Lord to show you how to respond more sensitively to those culturally different from you
- 24 Pray for the territorial multicultural ministries secretary, Lt-Col Raphael Mason

October 25-31

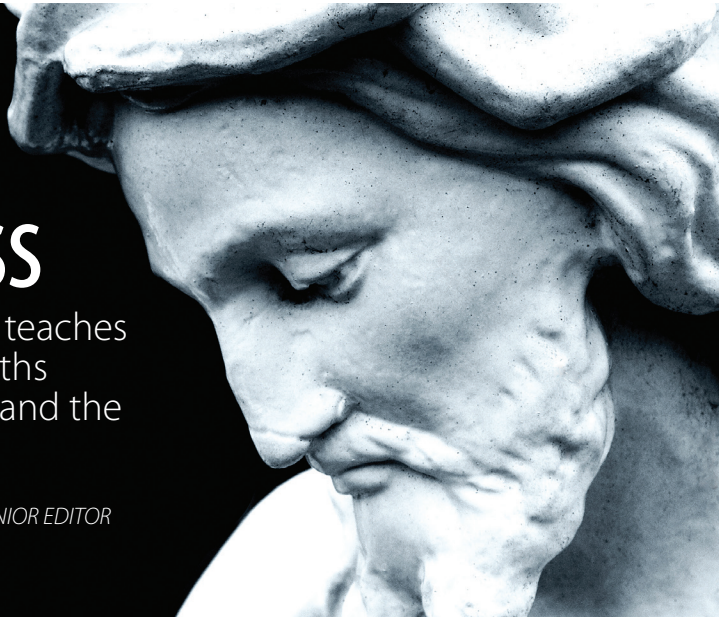
Focus on the Social Services Department

- 25 Pray for the men, women and children residing in our shelters, and for the staff assisting them
- 26 Pray for the residents and staff of our long-term care facilities
- 27 Pray for the clients and staff of our correctional and justice services
- 28 Pray for the clients and staff of our addiction, mental health and developmental disabilities programs
- 29 Pray for the chaplains of our programs and those giving practical aid through parish nursing programs
- 30 Pray for the participants in our women's and children's programs, parent-child resource centres and day-care centres
- 31 Pray for the territorial social services secretary, Mary Ellen Eberlin, and for the social services team of consultants and staff assisting those in front-line ministry

In the Stillness

The Jesus Prayer teaches us significant truths about ourselves and the living God

BY JOHN McALISTER, SENIOR EDITOR



For centuries, Christians around the world have repeated these words: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” The earliest form of the Jesus Prayer is found in Mark 10:46-52, where a blind man named Bartimaeus sits at the side of a road begging. When he hears that Jesus is nearby, he begins to shout: “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” When Jesus hears Bartimaeus’ plea for mercy and healing, he restores his sight.

In the early history of the Christian Church, Bartimaeus’ prayer was modified by Jesus’ followers who felt it could help them learn to “pray continually,” as suggested in 1 Thessalonians 5:17. In recent years, the Jesus Prayer has been embraced by many Christians seeking simple and profound ways to foster deeper intimacy with God.

Lord Jesus Christ

The first part of the prayer expresses our faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour. We acknowledge his deity by declaring him the Son of God. But we also recognize the historical event of the Incarnation, the fact that the fullness of God became flesh and walked among us. And we affirm the presence of


the Holy Spirit, who reveals to us the mystery of Jesus being both God and man, and who directs our hearts toward him in adoration.

Each time we say the name Jesus, we develop a familiarity, friendship and closeness with him that permeates our being. By focusing our attention solely on Jesus, we cast all distractions aside and choose to centre our hearts and minds on him.

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Have Mercy on Me

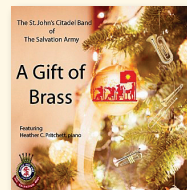
The second part of the prayer is a response to the lordship of Jesus Christ. We recognize that he is the Son of God as we approach him in our sin and brokenness. Jesus wants us to seek his presence, to put ourselves face-to-face with him in humility and reverence.

we acknowledge that we need his compassion, forgiveness and healing to flow over us, as well as his anointing to help us become more open to his leading. 

In His Presence

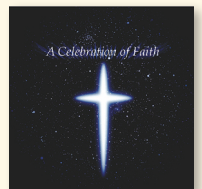
- Find a place where you can be free of distraction. If there are concerns or issues occupying your thoughts, offer them to Jesus and ask him to help you focus solely on him.
- For 10-15 minutes, repeat the Jesus Prayer: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”
- If your mind drifts, gently bring your attention back to Jesus. Allow yourself to experience Christ as he chooses to reveal himself to you.
- We cannot control or summon Jesus at our whim, but can only choose to dedicate this time to him. What’s crucial is that we remain faithful to seeking him.

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We Believe . . .

The essence of sanctification is complete surrender to Christ

BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAM W. FRANCIS

Doctrine 10, as set out in Schedule 1 of The Salvation Army Act of 1980, declares: “We believe that it is the privilege of all believers to be wholly sanctified, and that their whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

According to this affirming, biblical statement, believers are summoned to an *integrated* wholeness—a oneness of spirit, soul and body that will be kept pure, holy and, from God’s perspective, blameless, until Christ returns to take us home.

The essence of sanctification is a complete surrender, a total, integrated giving of ourselves to Christ. As in the poignant appeal of Frances Ridley Havergal, we implore the Lord to

*Take my life . . . my moments . . .
Take my hands . . . my feet . . .
Take my voice . . . my lips . . .*

*Take my silver . . . my intellect . . .
Take my will . . . my heart . . .
Take my love . . . and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee. (SASB 525)*

God calls us to give ourselves completely, as Christ has given himself fully to us. The well-known author and pastor, A.W. Tozer, accurately observed, “An infinite God can give all of himself to each of his children. He does not distribute himself that each may have a part, but to each one he gives *all* of himself as fully as if there were no others.”

The Apostle Paul used selfless love in marriage as a metaphor to understand how Christ loves us, his Church: “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word, and to present her to himself as a radiant Church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blem-

ish, but holy and blameless” (Ephesians 5:25-27).


How can we give ourselves wholly to Christ?

Commit Our Bodies—by caring for both the outward and inward self. God instructs us to take care of the body he has given to us. Health is foundational to the quality of life we desire. As Paul reminds us, “Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him; for God’s temple is sacred, and you are that temple” (1 Corinthians 3:16-17 NIV).

Commit Our Minds—by reading Scripture and examining the world in which we live. The Word of God is our spiritual food. It gives us strength and direction. “Your Word,” the Psalmist declares, “is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path” (Psalm 119:105).

Commit Our Spirits—by communing daily with Christ. Intimate communion with Christ is crucial. This is what gives us life and hope. It is what encourages us, giving us motivation to be the people God has called us to be. May we never lose sight of our priorities in life. May we always seek to know and do his will. Jesus instructs his followers to “seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness” (Matthew 6:33).

Commit Our Souls; Our Unique Self—by reaching out to others. We are not only part of the corporate body of Christ, we individually embody Christ. We are Christ to those we meet. We become his light in what is for many a dark and lonely world. This is why God calls us to be a holy people—a people clean in thought, actions and intention. We will never be perfect, for only Christ is perfect. But by God’s grace and power, we can be holy, blameless and sanctified.

In the words of General William Booth, I encourage you to “come along, my comrades. Your happiness and your influence are all connected with your being made holy. Oh, I beseech you to kneel down here and now, and ask God to make you each and all pure, by the power of the Holy Ghost, through the blood of the Lamb.” 

Commissioner William W. Francis is the territorial commander of the Canada and Bermuda Territory.



One Army, One Mission

Commissioner William W. Francis answers questions about the International Conference of Leaders

In this first instalment of Ask the TC, Commissioner William Francis responds to questions about the International Conference of Leaders (ICL) held in London, England (visit Salvationist.ca/tag/international-conference-of-leaders).

What was the purpose of the ICL?

There were two primary goals: the first was to bring together all of the leaders from International Headquarters and every territory/command for fellowship and spiritual nurturing; the second was to keep Army leaders focused on the international mission, distinctives, qualities and challenges of the 21st-century Salvation Army. We are ethnically, geographically and economically diverse, but we remain one Army with a united mission to fulfil the great commission by saving souls, growing saints and serving suffering humanity.

What were the hot-button issues?

One of the issues high on the



General Shaw Clifton with ICL delegates from the Americas and Caribbean Zone

ICL agenda was that of international social justice, looking particularly at the global challenge of human trafficking. As an international organization, we are uniquely positioned to address this injustice.

Another high priority is the need to engage and empower our youth. We, as with all other denominations and ministries, are but one generation away from extinction. It is crucial that we continue to focus on the youth, who will be the Army's future leaders.


There also continues to be considerable emphasis on appointing men and women officers to leadership positions based on their gifts and skills,

as opposed to gender or marital status. While women leaders have been appointed to all positions in the Army, we have not reached the goal of full and consistent equality. In this area, the biggest challenge continues to be the proper utilization of married female officers.

We also looked at the impact of working and witnessing in countries that are predominantly Muslim, Hindu or Buddhist. The international Army is giving renewed commitment to following the Holy Spirit's direction in moving into lands where the gospel has been difficult to preach. We must do so with sensitivity and wisdom.

Why should Salvationists in Canada and Bermuda care about the ICL?

If we believe God has called us to fulfil his commission to win the world for Jesus, and if we want to address his call to social justice, then the ICL is crucial to meeting these God-given objectives. As international leaders, we must avoid approaching international conferences and agenda items with the mindset of, "This is what we think." Rather, we must come together and pray, "God, what do you want us to think? What do you want us to do?"

"Give us," we jointly prayed, "the mind of Christ in all matters. Lord, enlighten our minds, direct our course and give us courage to boldly move forward through the direction and power of the Holy Spirit." 

If you have a question for the territorial commander, e-mail it to Salvationist@can.salvationarmy.org and indicate your full name, city and corps/church. Please note that submission of a question does not guarantee a response.

Bowmanville Community Church 125th Anniversary October 24-25

Oct 24—7 p.m.

Concert by **Yorkminster Band and Songsters**
Refreshments to follow

Oct 25—10:30 a.m.

Worship service with **Lt-Col Floyd Tidd, DC, Ont. CE Div**
Cake cutting and potluck luncheon to follow

Greetings from former soldiers and corps officers can be sent to:
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905-623-3761; Craig_Rowe@can.salvationarmy.org

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November 7

4 p.m.—Open House and Cake Cutting at Picton CC

7 p.m.—March of Witness and Musicales with North York Temple Band at Picton United Church

November 8

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service with Colonels Donald and Ann Copple

Greetings from former corps officers and soldiers can be sent to address above or e-mail sapicton@bellnet.ca





Cpt Patrick Lublink receives his Canadian Forces promotion to major from Commodore Mark Norman, Commander for the East Coast Fleet. Present at the ceremony are his wife, Cpt Valerie Lublink, and Mjrs Larry and Velma Martin, Maritime divisional leaders

Serving in Two Armies

From ice storms to pirate-infested waters, Salvation Army military chaplains provide support in challenging circumstances

For more than 100 years, The Salvation Army has made its officers available to military commands to serve as chaplains. In particular, thousands of officers served in the Red Shield Services in direct support of military troops at home and abroad during the Second World War.

While there are a number of Salvation Army officers serving as military chaplains worldwide, in the Canada and Bermuda Territory, there are presently two officers and one officer candidate serving as military chaplains. Major Fred Butler-Caughie (see page 27) became the first Salvation Army officer to serve as a military chaplain since the Second World War when he joined the Reserves (part-time military) in November 1993 with the Canadian Forces rank of captain. In addition to his Salvation Army appointments in addiction treatment centres and as a court chaplain, he has served the military as regimental chaplain to the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment in Thunder Bay, Ont., with the 25 Service Battalion in Toronto and with The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment in Belleville, Ont. He presently serves as group chaplain with the 70 Communication Group in Kingston, Ont.

Major Butler-Caughie deployed on

active service to provide pastoral and welfare support throughout the ice storm of 1998. More recently, he was assigned as the notification officer to Trooper Marc Diab's family following his death due to an improvised explosive device (IED) in Afghanistan in March 2009. At the family's request, he remained with them through the repatriation of their son to CFB Trenton

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and the planning of the military funeral. He worked closely with the family's priest developing the liturgy and co-officiating at the funeral.

In 2003, Captain Patrick Lublink became the first Salvation Army officer since the Second World War to join the Canadian Forces on a full-time basis.

He has since served as chaplain to the 1st Infantry Battalion 22nd Regiment in Valcartier and 3 Air Force Wing in Bagotville, Que., U.S. Army Regional Medical Centre in Landstuhl, Germany, and the East Coast Navy in Halifax. In his most recent deployment, he sailed with the navy in the world's most dangerous ocean, off the coasts of Somalia, where his ship provided trade route security for commercial cargo ships against modern-day pirates.

In another historic moment for the territory, Captain Lublink was recently promoted to the rank of major in the military (he remains a captain in The Salvation Army). Major/Captain Patrick Lublink, assisted by his wife, Captain Valerie Lublink, is presently appointed as the Protestant chaplain to the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ont., with pastoral responsibility for over 1,000 officer-cadets and 200 staff members.

In 2008, Salvationist Mark Kalvaitis joined the Canadian Forces as a military chaplain for a unique two-year program. Mark is currently completing a master of divinity degree at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ont., and is also a Salvation Army officer candidate applying for training in 2010. He is enrolled in a program designed to introduce full-time theological students to the operational environments of the navy, army and air force. His reserve training, spread over the past two summers, included appointments to the navy in Halifax and in Victoria. During this time, he ministered on board different military ships and through preaching and leading chapel services at the base.

A highlight for Kalvaitis included trips aboard Sea King helicopters and HMCS Calgary during a NATO warfare exercise. At times, he finds that being the only chaplain on board a ship can be isolating but trusts the words of Psalm 139 that remind him he is never alone in his ministry. Kalvaitis considers it a privilege to work with military personnel and serve them with the love of Christ. He holds the military rank of lieutenant and plans to continue as a reservist chaplain within the Canadian Forces ministering to an Army unit in his hometown of Hamilton, Ont. 

With reports from Captain Patrick Lublink.



Destroyer of Myths

Debunking mistruths about church buildings, uniforms and Army symbols

BY MAJOR FRED ASH

Mythbusters is a TV show that tests the truth behind urban myths and historical legends. The hosts go to great lengths to determine whether the myths have any basis in fact. They particularly like blowing things up, dropping dummies from great heights and crashing cars into various objects. There are a few Salvation Army myths that I would like to bust.

Myth #1: People from the general public will not enter a church building; you have to go to them.

Two years ago God sent to my office a representative from Alcoholics Anonymous who was looking for a room to hold a meeting for his group. At the time, most of the rooms in our church sat empty for most of the week. Although we had the traditional band, songsters, YP band, singing company and home league, these groups occupied only a fraction of the church space and time on the calendar. So our ministry board said yes to the AA group.

The AA group found our facility and church members very user-friendly. They told other groups about us and soon we had another AA group and then another and another. Word spread. Al-anon, the support group for families of alcoholics, came in. Then Gamblers Anonymous. Then Narcotics Anonymous. Then Eating Disorders Anonymous. In between these groups, the Burlington Amateur Radio Club set up camp in our building. This group works with The Salvation Army in times of disaster. A small private school came our way in September, and we are working with a local elementary school to organize an after-school homework club.

In our ministry board, we refer to this as our bridge-building ministry. We don't preach. We don't proselytize. We simply reach out a hand of friendship and support. We place literature around the hall in key areas, and thank God every time we have to replenish the supply. We meet strangers in our building with a smile and a sincere greeting. We are there to address their concerns.

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Does it pay off? About four months ago, one AA member died by suicide after experiencing a personal tragedy she could not cope with. The AA members asked me to conduct a memorial service for her. On a Monday evening, about 150 members of AA gathered in our sanctuary to hear me preach the Word of God and share with them the love of Jesus. Their expressions of gratitude were overwhelming. A few have begun to drop in to our Sunday services.

Myth #2: People from the general public are turned off by uniform-wearing Salvationists.

Most of the time when I am around our church building I am wearing some form of Salvation Army uniform, usually a regulation shirt and tie with the words "The Salvation Army" embossed on either my shirt or jacket. The people who hang out behind the church before or after their meetings are usually smoking cigarettes and talking. They eagerly address me as "Major" and have no reservations about stopping to chat with me. To others I am "the Maj." When they see the uniform they know who I am and they know what I stand for. To them I am the embodiment of the organization that supports them, encourages them and does not judge them.

Myth #3: We cannot identify our churches as Salvation Army.

Our church has a large, colourful Salvation Army crest to the left of our main doors. A light shines on the crest at night. Our main doors, which are glass, are etched with a large Salvation Army shield. To the right of the door there are raised, white letters spelling out the words "The Salvation Army," again with a light at night. From our flagpole flies the Army flag. There is no mistaking who we are. For this reason people often walk into our building without an appointment, some looking for help, some offering help. The identity does not prevent them from coming. Quite the opposite happens; they come because we are The Salvation Army.

Now that I have thoroughly busted these myths, I have a few dummies to attend to. ☸

Major Fred Ash is corps officer at Burlington Community Church, Ont.

Life-Giving Potential

Goats and pigs may sound like strange gifts, but to a vulnerable family they can be a lifeline

Since its inception, the Gifts of Hope program has offered Salvationists and friends of The Salvation Army the opportunity to give gifts that make a positive impact on families worldwide,” says Major Gillian Brown, associate director, THQ world missions. “We are encouraged by the positive response to this initiative and trust that it will continue to expand.”

Thanks to generous donors, last year:


- 700 families received mosquito nets, protecting young children from malaria
- 400 goats were distributed, allowing

200 families in Bangladesh and Africa to earn an income

- 100 rural clinics in Tanzania and Liberia were stocked with basic medicine
- 750 children orphaned by HIV/AIDS in Tanzania and Malawi received uniforms and supplies to attend school
- 100 pigs were distributed to families in four rural villages in Bolivia, providing the families with a livelihood
- 300 families living next to Serengeti National Park in Tanzania benefited from a water-harvesting project
- four villages in Tanzania received cows, oxen and ploughs, improving

their nutrition and enhancing their ability to produce crops and generate income

“This year, as you prepare for Christmas, birthdays or other celebrations, consider purchasing life-giving gifts—such as live-stock, education, sanitation, mosquito nets and medical supplies—on behalf of friends and loved ones,” says Major Brown. “There are many options available.”

To place an order, fill out the Gifts of Hope form found at the back of this magazine or visit SalvationArmy.ca/giftsofhope. 



Home-Based Care

In rural communities in Africa, it is not uncommon for children to die from preventable diseases. The Salvation Army in Malawi and Tanzania has developed a community-based approach, using teams of volunteers to visit families facing health challenges. The

regular visits of the home-based care teams provide hope to rural villages far from larger medical facilities. HIV/AIDS patients are treated with dignity and compassion.

Gifts of Hope supported 100 clinics with basic first-aid and medical supplies through generous donations

to the Stock a Clinic gift item. Your support increased the capacity of the home-based care teams to be more than a listening ear. Wounds were cleaned, medication provided and little bodies suffering from dysentery re-hydrated.



The Eco-Cooker

The Eco-Cooker is a new addition to the Gifts of Hope program. Community teams from the Harry Williams Hospital in Bolivia witnessed the negative impact of deforestation on the surrounding villages. As land was stripped of trees

and bush for firewood, the soil became increasingly unsuitable for crops. Families spent more time scrounging for fuel and their health deteriorated.

CEDESOL, a natural solar energy development company, has partnered with The Salvation Army to provide

solar cookers that are affordable, easy to maintain and environmentally friendly. In addition, the community will receive funding to plant trees and begin the process of restoring the land.



A Sip of Water

Rainfall in Serengeti National Park is among the lowest in Tanzania. There are no rivers running through the area, raising the competition between people and animals for the few stagnant ponds of water. Women and children spend hours walking to gather water. Attacks from lions, hyenas

and wild monkeys mean families live in fear.

When geographical surveys indicated that a borehole would not be an option for this area of Tanzania, Gifts of Hope provided a unique response: water harvesting. Water professionals are working with the community to install large 20-litre tanks to

store between 10,000 and 30,000 litres of harvested, clean water during the rainy season. People are receiving training and a water management committee will ensure that water tanks are well maintained. Completion of this project is expected in April 2010.

Make the Kettle Count

Providing real-time reports on the national Christmas campaign BY MAJOR MAX STURGE, ASSOCIATE EDITOR

When national media ask how the Christmas kettle campaign is doing, The Salvation Army has not been able to provide an up-to-date account on any given day of the campaign. "Though information may be available about a specific community's kettle income," says Graham Moore, territorial public relations and development secretary, "we have not been able to make the results from the entire country available until several months after the campaign is over."

The THQ information technology department has developed a Christmas kettle reporting system that enables the public relations and development department to report the total daily income across the territory at any point in the campaign. All that is required is for each ministry unit to record each day's income on the computer program. "Christmas kettles remain a local responsibility," says Moore, "but reporting the income promptly enables us to provide the media with a national

perspective throughout the campaign."


A useful feature of this new software is that it also breaks down the daily income from each kettle location. A couple of weeks into the campaign, the system will identify which kettle locations are bringing in the lowest income and which days are the least productive. Adjustments can be made promptly to maximize income and minimize losses.

Additionally, by recording the daily income from the kettles in, for example, all of the Loblaw's stores across the country, the Army can quickly discover on any day the total income for these particular locations.

"Businesses want to be good corporate citizens," Moore stresses. "Providing national income figures throughout the campaign strengthens the partnership we enjoy with the financially supportive business community. Communicating our national total income throughout the campaign enables us to keep the public informed and to alert



them if contributions are behind."

Last year, 100 ministry units began using this daily reporting system, representing 814 kettle locations that raised over \$8 million (out of \$16 million raised). "Our hope for this year," says Moore, "is that \$11 million will be reported through this new system." Local ministry units wanting to participate can contact helpdesk@can.salvationarmy.org or 416-422-6300. Training is available via web-conferencing. 



Tap Into Technology

Army connects through social networking sites BY LINDA LEIGH


According to Mark Laver of Ipsos Reid, online social networks, such as Twitter and Facebook, are visited more often than personal e-mails are read. They have become the communications tools of the 21st century.

While the social networking phenomenon is a big hit with the younger generation, older members of the population are also actively engaged. Canadians are spending more than one-third of their Internet time each week browsing online social networks.

The Salvation Army is using the social media frenzy to help boost awareness, educate and connect with people. "Through relevant news, blog posts and feature articles, the Army is creating community with volunteers, donors and other supports," says Jeremy Watt, web producer, THQ public relations and development. "As we post unique and useful content, we build

trust and loyalty toward our mission."

But with this wide range of exposure comes responsibility. Words are archived forever. An inappropriate post or comment can have damaging consequences. The quality of posts should come before quantity.

"Although social networks are still new, they are much more than fads," says Watt. "They will continue to evolve as we become more dependent on them for information and news." 

5 Ways to Support the Army Online

1. Write a blog—Through an online journal, blog or note on Facebook, you can write about the Army and its mission. This is an easy way to spread awareness among your friends.
2. Share stories with friends—Post links on Twitter, Facebook, Delicious and

Digg to blogs and news articles from Salvationarmy.ca and Salvationist.ca.

3. Follow The Salvation Army on social networks—When the Army posts information on its websites, consider posting on Twitter, Facebook or a blog. The Salvation Army is active at:

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- [YouTube.com/salvationarmy](https://youtube.com/salvationarmy)

4. Use video to communicate—When you record an Army video, share it through sites such as YouTube.

5. Host an iKettle at Christmas—Starting in October, create and host your own iKettle on your web page. Invite others via e-mail to donate and fill it. Visit SalvationArmy.ca/iKettle to learn more.

125 Years of Salvation Army Publishing

August 27, 1960

Prime Minister and Army Friend

The Army was represented at the funeral service of the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., Q.C., on August 8, 1960, at St. Andrew's United Church, Bloor Street, Toronto, by the territorial commander, Commissioner W. Wycliffe Booth, and Mrs. Booth, and Commissioner and Mrs. W. Dalziel (Rtd). Present also were members of the Army's Advisory Board, and residents of Isabel and Arthur Meighen Lodge.

Prime Minister John Diefenbaker headed the long lines of honorary pallbearers. Meighen's obituary notice requested that donations be sent to his "favourite charity, The Salvation Army, instead of flowers."

March 12, 1927

Young People Advance in Victoria

Staff-Captain Dray, the divisional youth secretary in British Columbia, enrolled the first brigade of sunbeams and chums (cubs) in Victoria. As they marched into the citadel, the chums on one side and

the sunbeams on the other, "the leaders and children all spic and span in new uniforms ... brought out many a murmured 'God bless them.' " In addition to these



"Do You Know That Man?"

younger "troops," there was also "a grand march past by the corps cadets, scouts and guards."

May 22, 1909


Finding Missing Persons

In April 1909, The Salvation Army's enquiry department was successful in finding 20 persons on behalf of anxious relatives. Captain Mardall told *The War Cry* that, on average, 15 long-lost relations and friends were located each month. "Some are discovered, it would seem, by the merest chance, and others by diligent and persistent search." Captain Mardall's role verged on that of a private detective, as he searched the country for missing children and absentee husbands and fathers.

June 25, 1983


Charter Graduation of WCBC

On April 29, 1983, 27 students graduated in the charter class of the Catherine Booth Bible College, which was the first Bible college in the Army world. As the college principal Major Earl Robinson looked on, Commissioner Arthur Pitcher, territorial commander, challenged the graduates to Christian leadership. "You are a part of God's great miracle to this age," he said. ☺



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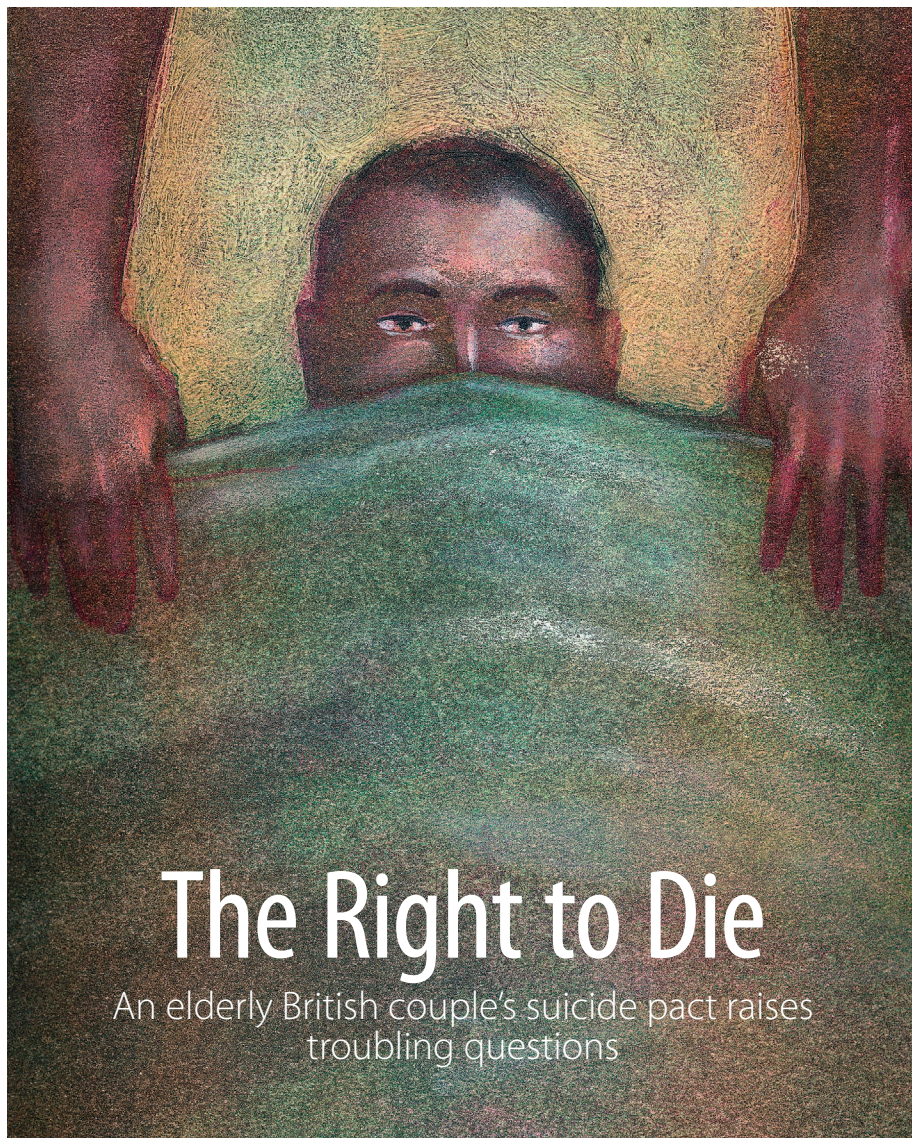
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The Right to Die

An elderly British couple's suicide pact raises troubling questions

In this Salvationist series, Dr. James Read, Executive Director of The Salvation Army Ethics Centre in Winnipeg, and Captain Amy Reardon, Editor of Young Salvationist, U.S.A. National Headquarters, dialogue about moral and ethical issues.

DEAR JIM,

Everywhere I look these days, I'm seeing news reports about euthanasia. When Dr. Jack Kevorkian first appeared on the scene, many of us shook our heads and said, "Death by choice is a slippery slope." You know what? We were right.

Kevorkian, the well-known euthanist, began practising physician-assisted suicide in 1990. His patients were terminally ill, many of them in great pain. I remember thinking, "If those who are physically tormented are permitted to end their lives,

can those who are emotionally tormented be far behind? Will it become legal and dignified to terminate your own life because you've had a bad year?"

Still, I am not a stone. I did feel sympathy for those who knew they were dying and would rather die on their own terms, or die before the pain became intolerable. I can't say I supported it, but I understood it.

Now, however, it seems that Western society is sliding down that slippery slope at high speed. Recently, the renowned conductor of Britain's Royal Opera, Sir Edward Downes, ended his life in a suicide pact with his wife of 54 years. Both of these Britons travelled to Zurich, where they drank a deadly poison provided by an organization called Dignitas. Here's the thing, though: she was terminally ill, but he wasn't. He was quite healthy for a man advanced in years. He ended his life because he didn't want to live without his partner.

I suppose Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel would have approved. Emanuel, an American with a governmental position as a medical advisor, believes it is "social justice" to withhold medical care from the elderly. Too much is spent on their care, and he feels it would be better to invest medical costs in those who have more years—healthier years—to contribute to society. Perhaps Emanuel would say that Downes became superfluous. The former conductor had laid down his baton, so he was no longer needed.

Emanuel's view brings me to a deeper concern. His approach to health care is back-handed euthanasia, and it is not voluntary. It may soon become a reality in the United States that the government decides who is worthy of medical care. Specifically, the elderly will be denied the medical care they need to extend their lives. They will die because they will be refused medicine and procedures that could save them. This is a matter of money. I know that is reality—but still, it sickens me.

The treatments that now help people live well into their eighties and nineties haven't been around too long. For millennia people have died younger when their bodies gave out. But today it seems almost barbaric to deny available medicine or therapy to those who need it.

What is the value of life, and who gets to make that determination? Does Edward Downes have the right to decide he doesn't want to live if there are children, opera fans and community members who value him? Should elderly people be sacrificed for those who are younger? Is it fair to assume that those who are younger are always of greater value to society?

AMY

DEAR AMY,

You don't shy away from the big questions, do you? And so many of them all at once! They're all important and they're connected, but I think we have to guard against a slippery slope becoming an avalanche.

Your transition from Edward Downes to Ezekiel Emanuel caught me by surprise when I first read it. Then I remembered that in the United States you are immersed in a debate about health-care reform. I predict it will get much nastier before it gets better. When we had the first debates about universal coverage here in Canada 50 years ago, doctors went on strike and the government had to recruit sympathetic providers from England.

Our system is hardly perfect, but on the whole we are proud of the fact that every Canadian is guaranteed coverage for treatments that doctors say are needed. That's different from saying that everything is covered. Some tests, procedures and medications are not paid for by our health plan. It's the same everywhere, of course. We have publicly funded health insurance, while most insurance in the United States is private, but no insurer has bottomless pockets. Even those Americans whose employers provide the most extensive (and expensive) health insurance will find that some things are excluded.

As I see it, the question isn't whether we have to live within limits—that's simply reality. The question is what kind of limits, how they are set and by whom. I think you may have misunderstood Emanuel (although I admit he does sometimes write as an intentionally provocative academic), but there are definitely others who think that limits should be set according to some "objective" measure of quality of life. There are those who believe in purposely ending the lives of those they think too ill, too old or too useless. That was explicitly the argument of the Nazi "euthanasia" programs, the systematic murder of mentally and physically disabled people prior to the Holocaust. It was unspeakably evil then and it is unspeakably evil now.

Who can really know the quality of somebody else's life? Can those of us who walk really know what it's like to live life from a wheelchair? Can those of us who feed ourselves really know what it's like to need to be fed? I have been privileged to work with disabilities groups that are concerned about the direction medicine is going when it comes to end-of-life decisions. They know that able-bodied persons like me routinely rate the lives of disabled persons as worse than the disabled persons themselves do.

Suppose it's not somebody *else*, however, but the people themselves who do the measuring, who say that going on is too painful or no longer meaningful. Edward and Joan Downes, for instance. You seem to be able to sympathize more easily with her, and yet I can imagine Sir Edward's question. What is life worth when you're faced with profound loneliness and loss of the work in which you have found satisfaction?

Perhaps we're barking up the wrong tree. Maybe it's a mistake to think the morality of euthanasia turns on the "quality" or "value" of life in the first place.

JIM

DEAR JIM,

As far as the ethics of this are concerned, I'm baffled. The founder of Dignitas, Ludwig Minelli, has said that the right to decide to end one's life only makes sense to those who believe in personal autonomy. From a purely ethical standpoint, I'm at a loss for how to respond.

But I'm not at a loss from a biblical standpoint. I think the Bible is clear as to God's desires on the matter. I don't expect non-believers to submit themselves to Christian principles because they have not embraced the Bible as their instruction for faith and practice. Nevertheless, you and I acknowledge that the Bible is our primary tool for finding out what God wishes. So, I think that we could at least advise a Christian regarding euthanasia with certainty as to God's view.

I did feel sympathy for those who would rather die before the pain became intolerable

In John 10:10, Jesus tells us that he came to earth so that we might have abundant life. In Romans 8:28, we are assured that, no matter what befalls us, God can work all things together for our benefit. To relinquish the life God gave us, the life he continually blesses, does not seem to be in line with his plan. I cannot think of any Scripture passage that would remotely support ending one's life voluntarily.

I also think of 1 Corinthians 12, which speaks of the body of Christ. I would argue that Christians can't really claim total autonomy and, in consequence, the right to decide when to terminate their own lives. We don't belong to ourselves. We belong to Christ and we belong to each other.

The following passage isn't about suicide, but I think it applies, and it shows the strength of God's feeling: "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple" (1 Corinthians 3:16-17).

If we are his temple, and we have said, "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20), we should not take our lives into our own hands. We put them in his.

AMY

DEAR AMY,

You've said it: in fundamental ways our lives are not just our own. And that has implications for what we say about euthanasia and assisted suicide. Perhaps I am naively hopeful, but I think this is a truth that can be perceived by those who aren't Christians, too.

Despite Dignitas, there aren't many who ask to be euthanized as a way of expressing their autonomy. Most aren't trying to make a statement that they have a right to control their destiny. It's more likely that they can't make sense of the suffering or find it in themselves to put up with the pain anymore.

That's what I've learned from clinicians working in end-of-life care. There are some truly amazing Christians in that field. They tell me the space they work in is sacred. The Scripture you quoted resonates with them as they attend to patients in agonizing pain and suffering. I think their presence is an incarnate sign that we do belong to each other, even—or especially—at such times.

On the other hand, some people have read the Scriptures you cited and concluded that life must be preserved "at all cost." I don't think that's the Christian message either.

Think how much of Jesus' life is also the story of his death. Fully half of the Gospel of Luke has the shadow of Calvary over it. And think how often Scripture talks of the death of the saints in positive terms. You quoted Paul's words to the Galatians; in writing to the Philippians, Paul says he doesn't know whether life or death is better (see Philippians 1:23).

I'm not suggesting that Paul or Jesus was suicidal! My point is that the subject we are dealing with requires balanced discernment. When is refusal of medical treatment a denial of the gift of life God has entrusted to us, and when is resisting death a failure to accept our mortality?

There was a time when the Church prepared believers for a "good death," not for euthanasia. Maybe we need to get back to that. After all, can a Christian really make sense of living well without having a notion of dying well, too?

JIM 



Top photo: Young goalies practise their skills; bottom left: Commissioner Marilyn Francis interacts with youth; bottom right: Jeff Jackson from Hockey Ministries, former Maple Leaf Mark Osborne and Mjr Greg McInnes

Shooting for Success

Army teams up with Hockey Ministries International to put kids' summers on ice

BY MAJOR GREG MCINNES

Hockey players dream of skating right through spring playoffs to summer hockey camp. For the past eight summers, that's just what hundreds of kids have done at The Salvation Army Jackson's Point Camp in Ontario. With the help of Athletes in Action and SU Sportz, the Army hosts a Christian hockey camp, giving boys and girls a chance to hone their on-ice skills and learn about Jesus.

At this camp, kids ages 9 to 17 strap on the skates early. After a 7 a.m. breakfast, the bus leaves Jackson's Point for a two-hour practice session at the rink. For five days young athletes learn hockey skills, power skating, fitness training and how God fits into their young lives. The campers return to camp for refreshments, swimming, wall climbing, canoeing, archery, high ropes, sports chapel and a campfire.

The camp grew out of an existing baseball camp,



which also added basketball and soccer programs over the years. The sports camp continues and, in 2006, became a combined hockey and golf camp when the Army teamed up with Wes Jarvis, a former Maple Leaf and Salvationist at Northridge Community Church in Newmarket, Ont., and Silver Lakes Golf and Country Club. Jarvis and NHL Hall of Famer Mike Gartner, owners of National Training Rinks, arranged ice time and instructors in Newmarket.

In 2008, the Army was contacted by former Maple Leaf Tim Armstrong of Hockey Ministries International (HMI). HMI is the only Christian min-



istry to the NHL and Junior Hockey teams, offering chaplains and chapel services during the season and summer camps around the world. Hearing of the successful program at Jackson's Point, HMI asked to combine their Toronto camp with the Army's and a new partnership was born.


Jackson's Point offers great camp planning, organization, faculty and camper follow-up at an outstanding facility. HMI brings Christian influence from the hockey world, including active and retired pro hockey players, and Bible communicators who talk hockey. That partnership brought both hockey camp programs to new

heights under the banner of Lake Simcoe Hockey Camp.

Former Maple Leaf Mark Osborne represents HMI and while many remember him as a tough goal-scorer for 14 NHL seasons, Osborne's biggest goal is giving young athletes an opportunity to become a part of God's family. In addition to retired NHLers Mike Gartner, Wes Jarvis and Tim Armstrong, the camp has also hosted active Christian players including Florida Panthers' David Booth, St. Louis Blues' B. J. Crombeen and European pro Rob Hisey.

Other guest instructors have included AHL Toronto Marlies' Alex Foster (whose father, Dwight, was a Boston Bruin and attended Scarborough Citadel with his family), OHA Newmarket Hurricanes coach Jim Wells, 2005 Canadian World Junior MVP Steve Downie, NHL Dallas Stars draftee Dave McIntyre, OHL Peterborough Petes' Justin Soryal, London Knights OHL scout Rob Honighan and more.

Success at this camp is not only measured in goals and assists, but in how the kids' lives are changed. Every year young hockey players hear the gospel message at camp and dozens make new or renewed commitments for Christ.

Hockey camps and sports ministry hold tremendous potential. With creative thinking and resources, we can set a new standard for outreach among Canadian youth. Where are people weekends and evenings? At the rink. Let's go and meet them there. 

Major Greg McInnes is corps officer at Hope Community Church in Ajax, Ont., and program director of Lake Simcoe Hockey Camp.

Blessed and Broken

In Jesus' hands, inadequate resources become sacramental provisions

BY MAJOR RAY HARRIS

You give them something to eat" (Luke 9:13). Jesus' emphasis was unmistakable. The Twelve Disciples could have been forgiven for the puzzled looks on their faces. They were in a "deserted place." They were in the midst of a hungry crowd of people and there was no Tim Hortons nearby, even if they had cash. So the suggestion that the crowd be sent away to find their own provisions made sense to them. What did not make sense was the response of Jesus.

The words jarred, they jolted. When the disciples of Jesus pooled resources at hand, they responded, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish..." A huge and hungry crowd on one hand; five small loaves of homemade bread and a couple of freshwater fish on the other. Give them something to eat? With these? That's like trying to feed a Shriner's convention with food from the Ruby Café in Dog River (fans of *Corner Gas* will understand).

Captains (Dr.) Paul and Pedrina Thistle serve at The Salvation Army's Howard Hospital in Zimbabwe. They constantly live with the tension between overwhelming human need and the hospital's provisions. Zimbabwe's rate of inflation effectively negates the hospital's purchasing power. And Captain Paul Thistle is one of a handful of doctors for a huge region and population. But when children and parents come to the hospital for treatment, the captains hear the words: "You give them something."

Jesus instructed the Twelve Disciples to sit the crowd in groups of about 50 each. "And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up into Heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd" (Luke 9:16 NRSV). Took. Blessed. Broke. Gave.

Luke's Gospel repeats these words. In an upper room on the night Jesus was arrested, "he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them" (Luke 22:19 NRSV). On the road to Emmaus, the risen Christ conversed with two puzzled followers. He agreed to stay with them for the evening, and "when he was at the table with them, he took




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bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them" (Luke 24:30 NRSV). Took. Blessed. Broke. Gave. Walter Brueggemann argues, "These are the four decisive words of our sacramental existence." The Salvation Army's poet General, Albert Orsborn, understands their sacramental nature: "My life must be Christ's broken bread ... That other souls, refreshed and fed, may share his life through mine" (SASB 512). Took. Blessed. Broke. Gave.

Luke concludes this incident by noting that the crowd ate their fill, and "what was left over was gathered up, 12 baskets of broken pieces" (Luke 9:17 NRSV). Jesus refused to determine his ministry by the adequacy of resources. In his hands inadequate resources become sacramental provisions.

Captains Thistle understand the sacramental nature of their work. Taking the resources provided by Christian institutions and Jewish colleagues in Toronto, they take, bless, break and give. Is it sufficient for their region in Zimbabwe?

Probably not. But it's what they do in response to the injunction: "You give them something to eat!"

The Salvation Army's mission of "meeting human need" brings us face-to-face with insurmountable need, especially during difficult economic times. Budgets are a matter of integrity. Difficult choices do need to be made. But we also need to be careful not to let our culture determine the way we understand "scarcity" and "abundance." In the face of overwhelming human need it is understandable that we say, "But we have no more than ..."—until we are jarred by the words of our Lord, "You give them something to eat." Then we are invited to place what inadequate resources we have in the hands of Christ for him to take, bless, break and give. And perhaps even to gather up what is left over, baskets of broken pieces. 

Major Ray Harris is a retired Salvation Army officer. He enjoys watching Corner Gas reruns and running in Winnipeg's Assiniboine Park.

Love Is an Orientation

Andrew Marin

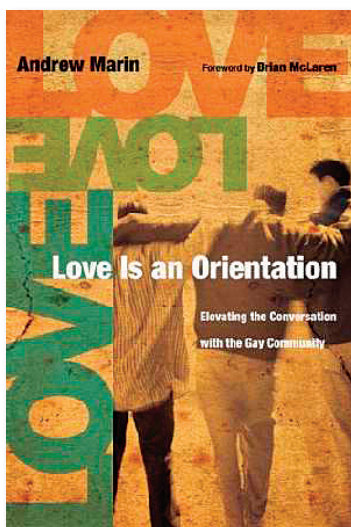
REVIEW BY CARLA EVANS

While a university student, Andrew Marin discovered that three of his best friends were gay. As a conservative evangelical Christian and self-confessed “homophobe,” he was shocked and confused. He felt God prompting him to seek truth through relationship instead of running from his friends who had confided in him. God led Marin on a journey of discovery and love as he developed friendships with those he once rejected. He moved to a predominantly gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (referred to as GLBT) neighbourhood and developed The Marin Foundation, which aims to build bridges between the GLBT community and the Church.

Marin’s purpose in writing *Love Is an Orientation* is to challenge how the evangelical Church thinks about and relates to gay and lesbian people. He writes frankly from his experiences in “Boystown” in Chicago, giving personal anecdotes and sharing some of his friends’ testimonies. Marin broaches issues of sexual identity, the history of evangelical/GLBT relations and outlines the gay church’s interpretations of Scripture that refer to homosexuality, believing he can best represent Jesus by first understanding what gay Christians believe.

The author asserts that “the Christian community has only ever known one way to handle same-sex sexual behaviour: take a stand and keep a distance.” He doesn’t expect all Christians to live in GLBT neighbourhoods, but he does want to see two divergent communities working together for the gospel. Marin introduces some practical ways we can move forward despite a history of hate and debate. He hopes that his readers will use his principles for more constructive conversation and build foundations and bridges where they have not previously existed.

Marin offers a fresh perspective on a topic that many Christians probably shy away from. He does not attempt to change anyone’s theological views or condone same-sex sexual behaviour, but seeks to direct us back to an orientation of love that is rooted in Jesus. Says Marin: “We’re called by Christ to be different by being loving—by choosing humility over hostility, by braving the unknown rather than huddling in safe enclaves, by daring to face people whom we’ve offended and who have offended us, and inviting them into a reconciled relationship with God and one another.”



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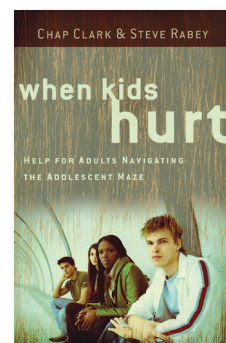


When Kids Hurt

Help for adults navigating the adolescent maze

by Chap Clark and Steve Rabey

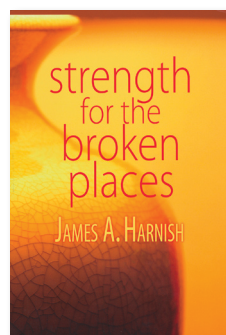
Chap Clark interviewed dozens of students about everything from their families and social lives to their loneliness and insecurity. He discovered an alarming picture: adults have abandoned kids to navigate the difficult transition to adulthood, and the results are devastating. Unable to cope with the pressures of expectations and hurt of abandonment, teenagers have retreated to their own world of youth culture. This book is a practical guide for caring adults who want to have a profound impact upon today’s adolescents.



Strength for the Broken Places

by James A. Harnish

This book grew out of James Harnish’s spiritual journey through 35 years of pastoral experience where he participated in the stories of broken people who found the strength to face the broken places in their lives. It is a personal witness to the way the Spirit of God brought out the best in them. Chapters such as The Froggy Gremlin in All of Us, Where the Wild Things Are, Taming the Fatal Attraction and Making Sense of Suffering reveal some of the areas in our own lives that may need Christ’s healing touch.

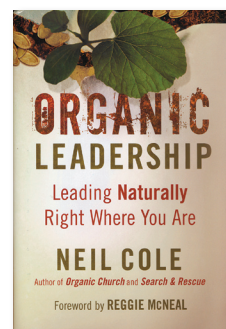


Organic Leadership

Leading naturally right where you are

by Neil Cole

What are the weeds that hinder the natural growth of godly leadership? Are programs, people and money truly the signs of a successful church? Where can you find an unlimited source of leaders? How do you mentor leaders so that they multiply? Neil Cole asks these questions and many more, boldly challenging many of the ideas about leadership and church life. After developing hundreds of leaders for thousands of new churches, he reveals how to grow leaders that multiply naturally.



Partners in Mission Exceeds Target at Montreal Citadel



MONTREAL—Robyn Purcell led the beginners' brass band and played in the corps band at Montreal Citadel. After attending the Territorial School of Music and Gospel Arts in 2008, Robyn sensed God nudging her to become more involved. She responded by assuming leadership of the Partners in Mission Appeal at her corps. Through several fundraising activities spearheaded by the young people, including a spaghetti dinner and hockey tournament,

the corps exceeded its target by 31 percent, raising \$13,155. "The corps appreciated our generation's involvement and leadership," said Robyn, "and the congregation came through for Partners in Mission." Colonel Glen Shepherd, then corps officer, is seen with Robyn as he signs a giant cheque that was presented to Quebec Divisional Headquarters. To read an interview with Robyn, visit sendthefire.ca.

Paul R. Hanson Receives Caring Canadian Award



Paul Hanson has devoted many years to supporting The Salvation Army and veterans' causes, as well as to volunteering within his community. In particular, he has been actively involved in The Salvation Army's transient care service and spent many hours over the holiday season helping with the Christmas Kettle Campaign.

Created in 1996 by the Right Hon. Romeo LeBlanc, the award is presented to individuals and groups whose unpaid, voluntary contributions provide extraordinary help or

care to people in the community. The award consists of a framed certificate and a lapel pin for everyday wear. The award symbol represents Canadians who selflessly give of their time and energy to others.

MONCTON—Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, presented the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award to Paul R. Hanson and five other volunteers from New Brunswick at a ceremony at Université de Moncton.

Salvationist Student Receives Two Awards



ST. JOHN'S, N.L.—Melissa George graduated from Memorial University of Newfoundland's school of nursing with a bachelor of nursing degree. Honoured as class valedictorian, Melissa received the Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador Leadership in Nursing Award and the Prentice Hall Book Award for excellence in community health nursing. She is employed as a neonatal intensive care nurse at the Janeway Children's Hospital in St. John's.

Outstanding Service to Canadian Military

TORONTO—Salvation Army Major Fred Butler-Caughie recently received the Commanding Officer's Commendation "in recognition of outstanding service and significant contribution to 709 (Toronto) Communication Regiment." He was the notification officer to Trooper Marc Diab's family following his death in Afghanistan, and helped plan and co-officiate the funeral. Major Butler-Caughie has also received the Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Medal and the Canadian Forces Decoration for long service.





POINT LEAMINGTON, N.L.—Marion Warford receives her commission as worship team leader. With her are Cpts Richard and Trudy Moulund, COs, and Cecil Jewer, colour sergeant

Enrolment and Recognition



CAMBRIDGE, ONT.—Cambridge Citadel celebrates the enrolment of six senior soldiers. From left, Barb Coombes; Mjr Michelle Rideout, CO; Matthew Rideout; Jim Coombes; Fred Boutilier; Larry Moorhouse; Carol Ann Gardner; Mjr Scott Rideout, CO



COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—Collingwood CC is delighted to welcome Marlene Allcock and Julie Walker as home league members



GREEN'S HARBOUR, N.L.—Nicholas Dobbin, Katherine Dobbin and Alex Brushett are welcomed as new soldiers by Cpts Tony and Beverly Brushett, COs



GLOVER'S HARBOUR, N.L.—Lucy Loveman is welcomed as a senior soldier. With her are Mjrs Lorraine Davis, divisional adult ministries secretary, divisional volunteer services secretary and archival research, N.L. Div*; Mjr Rita Pittman, area secretary for women's ministries, St. John's, and divisional retired officers' secretary, N.L. Div*.



WINGHAM, ONT.—Mike Piliarik, Paula Piliarik and Harold Workman are given welcome baskets as they join the congregation. With them are Mjrs Arch and Marie Simmonds, COs



RENFREW, ONT.—Arnold Wall is welcomed as a senior soldier. With him are Mjr Linda Watts, then CO; Eva Wall, Arnold's mother; and Jim Miller

GAZETTE

TERRITORIAL Appointments

Mjr Charles Steenburgh, co-ordinator for chaplaincy services, CJS, Kingston, Ont. CE Div; Mjr June Steenburgh, pastoral services officer, Ottawa Bethany Hope Centre, Ont. CE Div; Lt-Col Winsome Mason, territorial secretary for spiritual life development, THQ corps ministries; Mjr Lorraine Davis, divisional adult ministries secretary, divisional volunteer services secretary and archival research, N.L. Div*; Mjr Rita Pittman, area secretary for women's ministries, St. John's, and divisional retired officers' secretary, N.L. Div*;

Cpt Robert Russell, distance training officer, CFOT, Winnipeg*

*Designation change

Promoted to Glory

Mjr Bernard Wiseman, from Cottam, Ont., Jul 8; Mjr Edward Amos, from Hamilton, Ont., Jul 27

CALENDAR

Commissioners William and Marilyn Francis

Oct 1-9 International Doctrine Council, IHQ, London, England*; Oct 13 Brengle Institute, JPCC; Oct 16-23 Pan America conference, Brazil; Oct 31-Nov 2 CFOT; Nov 6-8 homecoming, Bermuda Div; Nov 15 Santa Claus parade, Toronto; Nov 21-Dec 3 ICO, London, England; Dec 5 Christmas With The Salvation Army, Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto; Dec 8 retired officers' Christmas dinner, Toronto; Dec 9 Maxwell Meighen Centre, Toronto; Dec 12 Toronto Star Christmas carol concerts, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Toronto

*Commissioner William Francis only

Colonels Donald and Ann Copple

Oct 16-23 Pan America conference, Brazil; Oct 26-30 rallies, N.L. Div; Nov 6-8 Kingston and Picton, Ont.; Nov 21-22 125th anniversary, Trenton, Ont.; Nov 27-29 Gateway of Hope, Langley, B.C.

General and Mrs. Bramwell H. Tillsley (Rtd)

Oct 11 Erin Mills, Mississauga, Ont.; Oct 13-18 Brengle Institute, JPCC; Oct 25 Timothy Eaton Church, Toronto

Canadian Staff Band

Oct 3-4 Cobourg, Ont.; Nov 28 Carols With Brass, George Street United Church, Peterborough, Ont.; Dec 5 Christmas With The Salvation Army, Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto; Dec 12 Toronto Star Christmas carol concerts, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Toronto

Accepted For Training

Sharyl Marriott-Lowry, Burlington Community Church, Ontario Great Lakes Division

I became aware of the love of God when I was four years old. I felt God reaching down to me and I responded. When I was 11, I realized more fully God's love as displayed in the cross of Christ and chose to be his servant. By self-effort I tried to serve him for 25 years as a United Church pastor. Finally, after much prayer I opened myself fully to God and heard him calling me back to my Salvationist family roots. In submitting my life to God, I have never felt so free and contented.



Aux-Captains Sung-Ryong (Thomas) and Chung-Ja (Tina) Yoo have been appointed to intercultural community ministries and family services in Ottawa. The aux-captain route is one expression of flexible training administered by the College for Officer Training. The Yoo's training occurs in their appointment, but will also involve several residential components at CFOT before being commissioned as captains.



Sung-Ryong (Thomas) Yoo, Agincourt Community Church, Toronto, Ontario Central-East Division

I am like a man standing around at the marketplace until almost closing time and being finally hired. Thanks to the landowner's grace, I get paid a denarius—a full day's wage—even though I worked for only one hour (Matthew 20:1-16). I felt God's call to officership during Bible study in 2005. I cannot hide my excitement in starting my new life as an aux-captain in The Salvation Army. Oh, God! Let me be your voice delivering your invitation to people at the marketplace, those seeking to work in your vineyard and eventually getting a denarius—which is undeserved salvation.

Chung-Ja (Tina) Yoo, Agincourt Community Church, Toronto, Ontario Central-East Division

I was born in a non-Christian family in Korea and immigrated to Canada in 1986. A Salvation Army officer witnessed to me about Jesus Christ. Later I became a senior soldier, ministering through the Army for 20 years. During this time, God was calling me to serve him through full-time ministry. I believe that the Lord will mould me to become his humble servant. I am confident that God doesn't call the qualified but God qualifies the called. My desire is to witness for Jesus Christ and see him transform people's lives.

TRIBUTE

WHITBY, ONT.—Born in Grand Bank, N.L., **Lt-Colonel Howard Moore** accepted Christ as his Saviour as a young boy. He became a school teacher and later an officer in 1954. After corps officer-teacher appointments in Newfoundland, he spent 21 years in public relations appointments across the Canada and Bermuda Territory. He also served as Red Shield services secretary for western Europe and then returned to Canada to become the territorial public relations secretary and national campaign director. After six years as divisional commander of the Newfoundland East Division, he retired in 1998. During his short illness, Howard's family realized how many people he had influenced. Howard was a Christian gentleman, a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother. He is remembered by his wife, Barbara; daughters Eileen and Sharon; son, Howard Jr.; five grandchildren; brothers Colonel Clyde and Jim; their families and many relatives and friends. A legacy of faith and practical love is his final gift to his family and friends.



DEER LAKE, N.L.—**Baxter Janes** was a Salvationist and bandsman for many years. For most of his life, he was a barber. Even in failing health, he was always concerned about how others were doing. He took great pride in his family and will be remembered as a loving father and grandfather. He is missed by his children Marion (Ray); Daisy (Chesley); Wavey (Ronald); Mjrs Wilson (Linda), Cyril (Mary) and Raymond (Laura); Rowena (Winsor); Melvin (Madelyn); Maxine (Peter); and stepdaughters Shirley (Otto), Dorothy and Ethel.



WINDSOR, ONT.—**Major Bernard Wiseman** was commissioned as an officer of the Courageous Session in 1958. Bernie and his wife, Lillian, pastored several churches before being transferred to men's social services where they established a rehabilitation centre for alcoholics in Saskatoon. He also oversaw the erection of two buildings in Edmonton, one of which houses the divisional headquarters for the Alberta and Northern Territories Division. Since retiring in 1989, Bernie has been a faithful soldier at South Windsor. He is missed by daughters Margaret (Herb) Taylor and Ruth (Kim) Gilliland; son, Donald; and grandchildren Andrew, John, Stephen, Michael and James.



MISSISSAUGA, ONT.—Born in Cape Town, South Africa, in 1917, **Ellen Knowlden (nee Lesar)** and her husband, Ted, attended Claremont Corps. Their love for Christ was evident in their interactions with others, especially with young people. Ellen's warm personality and smile had a huge impact on Sunday school children. Many testify that they accepted Christ as Saviour because of her influence. After moving to England, Ellen and Ted became aux-captains. Their appointments included assisting at Bristol, then being in charge of the men's social work in Liverpool, Stoke on Trent, St. Helen's and Warrington. In 1976, they immigrated to Canada and helped pioneer the Erin Mills Corps in Mississauga, Ont. She will always be remembered for her gift of hospitality, her home being a haven for anyone in need. Ellen is remembered by her children Dawn, Brenda and Trevor; their spouses, nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



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INTERVIEW BY JOHN McALISTER, SENIOR EDITOR

My wife, Sheila, and I started calling the St. Albert Corps, Alberta and Northern Territories Division, our church home in the mid-1980s. I had become friends with the corps officer through a community jazz band and he asked if I would come and help start a brass band at the church. I accepted the invitation and we've been there ever since. I continue to play cornet in the brass band, guitar in the worship team and serve as the corps sergeant major.

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Sheila and I were married in Regina in the fall of 1982. We have two sons, who are now in their twenties. I've worked for the Safeway grocery chain since I graduated from University in 1979. My title is business analyst and I support various supply chain applications and databases. On occasion, I get the opportunity to travel to our various supply plants (there are over 30) located in Western Canada and the United States.

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My earliest memories of church are attending with my parents and siblings.

My mom and dad always made an effort to keep us involved in church activities. In my teenage years, my dad had me ushering or helping to count the offering. This is where I learned the importance of service and contribution.

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At a men's retreat at Pine Lake Camp in the late 1980s I made a major commitment to God. Up to that point, I had been going through the motions of being a Christian. At the retreat, I saw an older gentlemen going forward to the mercy seat and this really touched me—I was looking at myself years down the road. I decided then to become real with God and start working at having a relationship instead of pretending. After the retreat, I pulled up to my driveway and was overwhelmed by the enormity of the decision I'd made. I wondered how this was going to impact my day-to-day life.

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In the early days at St. Albert Corps, we held our worship services at a local school. The church was the people around us and we didn't have the distractions that

a church building sometimes brings. We now have our own big, beautiful corps building, which has allowed us to increase our presence in the community and provides the practical resources needed to run our programs. When our discussions about church business get cluttered with non-people issues, I often reflect on our time at the school and this gives me clarity.

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I've had occasions over my 30-year career with Safeway where things have not always gone the way I've expected. I vividly recall moments when I've handed the situation over to God and this has given me peace. I think there is a potential for people to act a certain way at work and then act differently at church. Over the years, I've tried to narrow that gap—it is so much easier to be one person.

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Last year, when we heard that our corps officers, Captains Les and Tiffany Marshall, were being transferred, we were concerned that we might lose ground on some of the great things they had put in place. As CSM, one of my immediate goals was to make sure the new officers, Captains Jason and Gaye King, felt welcomed and loved at our corps so that the work God has instilled in their hearts could come forth quickly. In reality, we have corps officers for a limited time, so there is little time to waste to get God's work done. A good relationship is essential in order to discuss the things you not only agree upon but more importantly the things you don't. If you happen to disagree on something, it is much easier to come together with an attitude of love and encouragement if you have already built the relationship.

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I hope that our corps will continue to build God's Kingdom by creating an atmosphere of welcome, trust and community where God is freely able to do his work. With our community services, I would like us to have a loving presence in St. Albert and also show the community that we are effective in using the money that they generously put in the kettle each year. **S**



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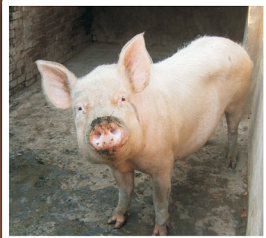
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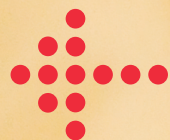
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